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SUBJECT: AIRLINE CREW ROTATION

REF: MOSCOW A-298, JULY 23, 1974

- 1. IN ORDER TO SETTLE QUESTION OF CREW ROTATION, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT TERMS OFFERED BY MFA IN NOTE CONTAINED REFAIR ON THE STIPULATION THAT IN THE CASE OF AEROFLOT CREWS IN THE UNITED STATES THE INFORMATION REQUIRED AS SPECIFIED IN NOTE BELOW BE PROVIDED TELEPHONICALLY BY A SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICE TO THE OFFICE OF SOVIET UNION AFFAIRS (EUR/SOV/ECON).
- 2. EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING TEXT TO MFA AS BASIS FOR NOTE EXCHANGE:
  QUOTE. SOVIET AIRLINE CREWS MAY ROTATE BETWEEN AND STAY TEMPORARILY IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, D.C. PROVIDED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THEY LEAVE ON THE NEXT FLIGHT OF A SOVIET AIRLINE, WHETHER REGULARLY SCHEDULED OR CHARTERED, DEPARTING FROM NEW YORK

OR WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROVIDED THAT A SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISES THE OFFICE OF SOVIET UNION AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C., OF THE DEPARTURE DATE OF THE MEMBERS OF A GIVEN CREW AND THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED DURING SUCH ROTATION. IN CASES OF ARRIVALS ON WORKING DAYS. THE OFFICE OF SOVIET UNION AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MUST BE SO NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN EIGHT WORKING HOURS AFTER CREW'S ARRIVAL. IN CASES OF ARRIVALS DURING A WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY. NOTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT WORKING DAY. CREWS MAY NOT TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO THE NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. AMERICAN AIRLINE CREWS, PROVIDED FOR IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED NOTE, MAY ROTATE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD AND REMAIN IN THOSE CITIES UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE ON THE NEXT FLIGHT BY AN AMERICAN AIRLINE, REGULARLY SCHEDULED OR CHARTERED. WHEN AMERICAN AIRLINE CREWS DESIRE TO ROTATE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN AIRLINE OR THE CAPTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT SHALL ADVISE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AIRPORT AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE AS TO THE DEPARTURE DATE OF THE MEMBERS OF A GIVEN CREW AND THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION THEY WILL UTILIZE. END QUOTE

- 3. IN EVENT SOVIETS AGREE THAT ABOVE TEXT SUITABLE, NOTES SHOULD BE EXCHANGED CONTAINING THIS TEXT. NOTES SHOULD INDICATE THAT TWO NOTES CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT.
- 4. UPON EXCHANGE OF NOTES EMBASSY SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY AND TRANSMIT CERTIFIED COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE AND SIGNED ORIGINAL OF MFA NOTE IN REPLY TO DEPARTMENT. (ATTN. ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR TREATY AFFAIRS) PER 11 FAM 7237.
- 5. FYI. RATHER THAN SENDING REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE,
  DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EXCHANGE OF ABOVE LANGUAGE WILL ENABLE
  US TO EMBODY AGREEMENT IN SINGLE DOCUMENT. THIS WOULD
  REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MISINTERPRETATION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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